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Dear Harold: January 9, 1976

Thank you very much for your complimentary words. Those of congratulations were appreciated but not really appropriate since I have been an associate producer at CBS News for some years. In fact, I never was a reasearcher and don't know what I might have said to lead you to think I was. In any case, the thought is appreciated.

About other points, requests, etc. in your letter.

I am enclosing the text of the broadcast but will not send the fuller transcripts. It is and has been CBS News policy not to release "out-takes" of any broadcast. You probably remember the "Selling of the Pentagon" hassle which revolved around precisely this issue.

The Stephens interview we aired and for which you wanted the date was filmed on April 18, 1968.

Again, I don't know what I said to make you think we were give copies of the autopsy pictures. I did share with you the fact that we were shown Canale's slides. Never were copies given to us and, in fact, when we brought up the subject of optaining a set of them were told immediately that the autopsy pictures would never be made available. Eventually, we didn't get any of the slides.

The day of your press conference I had a chat with Jim who said he was told by the Justice Department the same thing we were. You got everything we did plus more. So the question of reciprocity is moot.

Finally, let me say I am glad you are recovering from the phlebitis and will be able to resume some kind of normal physical schedule.

My best wishes to you in the New Year.

Sincerely,

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